

If necessary, the inner closure fold 7 and the outer closure fold 9 may be supplemented, in order to keep them sealed, by any appropriate welding, bonding or clamping method or means, generally indicated as 20 in Figure 1.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 1-3 as provided below, for claims 1-3 currently in the present application.

1. (Amended) A bag for containing a charge, said bag comprising:

an envelope closed at a first end by an end wall and delimiting a mouth at a second end located apart from said first end, said envelope being shaped on itself at said mouth in order to form a closure to close said bag, wherein said closure comprises:

an outer sleeve located above said mouth when said bag is in an inverted position;

an inner closure fold providing an inner closure of said mouth;

a neck inside which said inner closure fold is located; and

an outer closure fold closing said neck and providing an outer closure of said bag.

2. (Amended) A method of forming a bag for containing a charge, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) forming an envelope having a closed first end and an open second end located apart from the first end and through which the charge may pass, the open second end having peripheral edges;

(b) shaping the envelope at the open second end to form a closure to the bag by performing the following steps:

folding outward then folding inward the peripheral edges of the open second end to form a turned-up flap and an outer envelope located proximal thereto, the turned-up flap having proximally located parallel edges and the outer envelope having proximally located parallel edges;

forming an inner closure fold for internally closing the bag by folding the proximally located parallel edges of the turned-up flap; and

forming an outer closure for externally closing the bag by folding the proximally located parallel edges of the outer envelope.

3. (Amended) The bag as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the inner closure fold and the outer closure fold are formed by welding, bonding or clamping.

Please add claims 4-7 as provided below.

4. The bag as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inner closure fold and the outer closure fold are formed by welding, bonding or clamping.

5. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein one of the steps of forming the inner closure fold and the outer closure fold further comprises welding, bonding or clamping the folded proximally located parallel edges of one of the turned-up flap and the outer envelope.

6. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the step of forming the inner closure fold further comprises welding, bonding or clamping the folded proximally located parallel edges of the turned-up flap, and wherein the step of forming the outer closure fold further comprises welding, bonding or clamping the folded proximally located parallel edges of the outer envelope.